GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:60
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
INTERNATIONAL BIDS FOR GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION
Rawat Shri Bachi Singh

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to invite international bids for gas and oil exploration in certain parts of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the sites which will be opened for bidding;

(c) whether the bidding process has been put on hold;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the time by which the Government intends to call for bids for exploration of gas and oil sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) :- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 BY SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.2.2008 REGARDING " INTERNATIONAL BIDS FOR GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION."

(a) Government of India has already offered 57 exploration blocks (29 onland, 9 shallow water and 19 deep water blocks) under the seventh round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VII) on 13.12.2007.

(b) The details of the blocks offered are in Annexed-I.

(c) No Sir

(d) Does not rise in view of above.

(e) The last date for bid closing is 11 April, 2008.